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1. REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE ON TWO LEVELS OCT 18, FIRST ON WORKING LEVEL AND THEN WITH A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. JAPANESE HAD NOT TAKEN ACTION HERE, AND WE ARE ENCOURAGING THEM TO DO SO AS A LONG-SHOT PROPOSITION THAT SHOULD NOT COST THEM ANYTHING.

2. FIRST OUR POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OFFICER LEE CALLED ON ACTING HEAD OF UN DEPARTMENT SREBREV WHO SAID OUR VIEWS ARE OBVIOUSLY VERY DIFFERENT FROM THEIR ESTABLISHED POSITION BUT WOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF COMPETENT AUTHORITY. SINCE THE WORK OF THE UN DEPARTMENT SEEMS TO CONSIST EXCLUSIVELY OF FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW, I THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO MAKE SURE THAT "COMPETENT AUTHORITY" WOULD AT LEAST BE ON POLICY LEVEL AND REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS SUCCESSIVELY WITH AVRAMOV (AMERICA DEPARTMENT),
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ZAKHARIEVA (DEPUTY MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH

AMERICA AND UN) AND WHEN NEITHER WAS AVAILABLE DREW NIKOLAI MINCHEV, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WHO SEEMS TO HAVE ROLE SOMEWHAT LIKE COUNSELOR IN OUR DEPARTMENT. HE DOES NOT ENJOY REPUTATION OF BEING FRIENDLY TO THE WEST.

3. ACCORDINGLY I PUT THE EMPHASIS ON (A) US NOT FAVORING ANY PARTICULAR SOCIAL SYSTEM IN CAMBODIA; (B) FUTURE OF THE UN; (C) ENCOURAGING NEGOTIATIONS; (D) NOT PREJUDGING WHAT THE KHMER PEOPLE MAY DECIDE; (E) IMPORTANCE OF PROCEDURAL VOTES. I BEGAN AND ENDED MY PRESENTATION WITH OBSERVATION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER REGARDS FORTHCOMING VOTE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT HE HAD SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE TO AMBASSADORS. FINALLY I SAID WE ARE QUITE AWARE THAT BULGARIA HAS CONNECTIONS TO WHICH

IT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE AND THAT PERHAPS ITS LEEWAY IN MATTERS OF THIS SORT IS LIMITED; BUT THERE MAY BE MANY DIFFERENT VOTES AND PROCEDURAL MANEUVERS AND PERHAPS THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO USE SOME FLEXIBILITY.

4. MINCHEV SAID BULGARIA'S VOTES ALWAYS RESULT FROM CLEAR POLICY LINE WHICH IS GENERALLY KNOWN; IT NEVER FAILS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF OTHER GROUPS, NOTABLY THAT OF THE NONALIGNED; OUR VIEWS WOULD BE DULY CONSIDERED; BUT POSITION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH "THE PRINCIPLED STAND OF OUR COUNTRY".

5. ONLY GLIMMER OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THIS INTERVIEW CAN POSSIBLY BE DRAWN FROM FACT THAT ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH MINCHEV MOTIONED TO ONE OF HIS MINIONS TO TAKE NOTES; SO I GAVE THAT MINION MY TALKING PAPER AND TEXT OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION SO THAT IF ANYTHING IS SENT TO THE POLITBURO IT WILL AT LEAST BE REASONABLY ACCURATE.
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